

MOLINE'S SECTION OF THE ARGUS

PREPAREDNESS IS CALLED ATTEMPT TO LOWER IDEALS

William Jennings Bryan in Address Before After-Dinner Club, Moline, Hits Militarists.

TERMS PROPAGANDA CONSPIRACY

Former Secretary of State Declares Ammunition Ring is Behind the Campaign.

Characterizing the "preparedness program" which is being advocated in the United States as a dark hued conspiracy fostered by the ammunition ring and professional militarists and declaring that a deliberate attempt is being made by this small coterie to change the policy of this government from that of the greatest peace advocate to the doctrine of terrorism as taught in European countries, William Jennings Bryan, America's great pacifist, thrilled an audience of about 400 when he spoke upon the theme "The American Spirit," at the After-Dinner Club, Moline, last evening.

Those who have heard the former secretary of state before are of the opinion that his effort of last evening, in which he outlined his well known peace ideas, greatly exceeded his political and chautauqua addresses of the past. Brimful of his subject, and putting into his utterances that intangible but compelling personal magnetism which has made him one of the most remarkable orators this country has produced, Bryan carried his audience with him and created a profound impression, even among those who have radically different ideas on the national problems which he so fluently and eloquently discussed.

Given Grape Juice.

All of the available space in the big dining room of the Moline Commercial club was taken for the banquet, which was the last of the year for the club. During the meal, Mr. Bryan with that delightful spirit of comradeship which is so characteristic of him, chatted and laughed and joked in a most happy frame of mind and at an opportune time someone presented him with a bottle of grape juice which seemed to amuse the commoner very much. At the guest table with him was F. O. Van Galder, president of the Tri-City Press club, and other members of the same organization. Mr. Bryan is an honorary member.

E. L. Morgan, president of the club, introduced Bryan as the greatest living orator, who had talked to more people than any orator now living or who would live. This extravagant praise caused the Nebraska muck nerriment.

Gets Big Ovation.

When he arose to speak Mr. Bryan was given a wonderful ovation which lasted several minutes, the audience standing to its feet and cheering wildly and waving handkerchiefs and the same demonstration occurred when he finished. It was like the "Bryan of old" times and displayed the exceptional hold which he still retains on the affections of the American people, regardless of conflicting political views.

Like all truly great orators, Mr. Bryan retains his love of humor and facetiously referred to the fact that for 35 years he had been in political life and that the only peace he ever had was in 1898 when he joined the army. Hardly had the laughter died down before he launched into his definition of "The American Spirit" and explained with the faultless diction of the born orator, why the preparedness propaganda is a false doctrine that is bound to lead this country into the very thing which it seeks to avoid—war.

The American Spirit.

"We hear a great deal now about Americanism and the American spirit. Let me first remind you that the spirit of a nation is determined by the people of the nation, just as the destination of a nation is in its own hands," declared Mr. Bryan in his introductory remarks.

"Just at this time I want to call your attention to two kinds of spirit that are being presented as the American spirit. Just now an effort is being made to transform our national policies, and with it our national character, for the character of a nation will be just what its settled policies indicate and make necessary.

"An effort is being made to transform this nation from the foremost advocate of peace to the ideals of the old world, and I feel I render you no greater service than to present these

two ideals to you that you may intelligently choose between them, and having chosen take the side which you believe to be right. Europe has ever bid for peace under a false philosophy. They have sought to prevent wars by getting ready for wars. There has been the doctrine of terrorism, every nation has sought to terrorize other nations and thus keep the peace.

"The trouble with great questions is that they sometimes overawe us and instead of analyzing them and forming opinions upon them we shrink from the consideration of them and leave others to do our thinking for us, and just now, we are told that the military and naval experts must be allowed to do the thinking for the nation. That we must trust them to decide for us the national policy that determines our destiny, and the amount that we will spend getting ready for the war which fill their imagination. I want, if I can, to strip this false philosophy of all of its rhetorical drapery and present it to you in its naked truth for what it is and the hideousness of it.

Preparedness False Doctrine. "Talk about preparedness preventing war. Why, my friends, if preparedness could prevent war there would be no war now, for they have never before been in such a state of preparedness in the old world as during the time leading up to this war. They have tested this false philosophy, one side trusted to militarism and the other side to navalism, and both rest upon the same foundation, upon terrorism, and my friends, when the time came, as it must have come, under these conditions, the nations which had best prepared on land and sea went into the war and the others also prepared and followed them, and I do not see how this kind of a philosophy can fail to bring war wherever it is, because it has with it certain transactions and certain things that necessarily accompany it. One is that we must give the benefit of the doubt to the danger, that you must prepare, not for probabilities but for possibilities, and that you must take no chances. It is the old policy that we used to have in the states before they prevented the carrying of concealed weapons.

Hits Gun Toting. "Suppose two farmers in your vicinity should decide that the best way to preserve their personal rights and honor would be to purchase guns and they then put an advertisement in the newspapers that although they love their neighbors that if anyone trespassed they would 'blow off their heads in a Christian spirit.' What state of affairs would you have? The undertakers would be rushing out to the farmers in question to look for dead bodies, for there would sure be some funerals.

"This is what nations of the old world have been doing for years with the natural consequences. It is again the same old terrorism which used to exist in some of the frontier communities. No nations are trying to draw us into war, and if they did our volunteers, who were our strength during the Civil war, will again be our bulwark.

Those Boosting for War. "There are two classes of jingoes who are behind the preparedness campaign, the men who are making \$200,000,000 a year out of munitions contracts and the professional militarists who are advancing the same arguments in behalf of war as was given at the time of the Roman empire. They do not admit there is any other way to settle disputes among nations than by conquest. They do not recognize in their program that 1900 years ago the Prince of Peace was born to bring an end to war.

"Those advocating preparedness would have you believe that this country has spent practically nothing on the army and the navy. During the last 15 years, the United States has spent more on its navy than any nation in the world with the single exception of Great Britain. The sum of \$140,000,000 is annually spent on our navy and \$100,000,000 on our army. This total of nearly \$250,000,000 is larger than is spent in developing the farms of the United States and this is the greatest agricultural country in the world.

What Program Means. "They now demand that we multiply this sum by four. Experts say \$500,000,000 will be needed for our army the first year and \$319,000,000 permanently each year, and about a billion and a half for our navy. An increase of about \$800,000,000 a year over what we are now spending is demanded.

"All of the crops in this country sold last year, total but \$600,000,000. In five years for the sum which is being asked to prepare this country, 600,000 miles of macadam road could be built, covering this country east and west and north and south, but 12 miles apart. With this sum asked, the capital and surplus of all the banks in the country could be doubled. The entire 25,000,000 school children, the

YEAR BANNER ONE FOR DINNER CLUB

More Than a Thousand Dollars in Treasury at Close of Most Successful Season in History.

MIXER IS ELECTED PRESIDENT

Committees to Have Charge of Coming Programs Are Appointed—Reports Are Received.

Election of officers and appointments of committees for the coming year, together with the acceptance of a financial report from J. M. Dale, secretary and treasurer, last evening marked the close of the most successful year in the history of the Moline After-Dinner club. Report of Mr. Dale showed that the club is in splendid condition financially.

The club started the year 1915-1916 with \$763.69 on hand, and last evening, with all expenses paid, had \$1,067.82 in the treasury. Collections for the year amounted to \$2,588.86 and expenditures were \$2,153.93.

Officers were elected and committees were appointed as follows: President—George W. Mixer. Vice president—Charles B. Hall. Secretary and treasurer—J. M. Dale. Executive committee—Henry S. Lord, chairman; W. R. Morgan, Sam Ryerson, Dr. H. A. Beam, W. H. Christensen, John H. Coburn, Theodore Brown, Frank L. Haynes, J. L. Long, J. L. Oakleaf.

Reception committee—Gus Lindvall, chairman; George H. Lindberg, Charles Brunstrom, Emil Johnson, Frank Siloway, W. L. Taze, Mayer Levi, Dr. Louis Ostrom, S. H. Montgomery.

It cost the club \$100 to secure Mr. Bryan as speaker last evening. Mr. Bryan is under an agreement to tour Iowa for five days and his visit here was made possible because he was scheduled to speak in DeWitt, Iowa, this evening. His appearance here was worked in between his Muscatine and De Witt speeches, and in return the local club paid \$100 towards expenses of his special train.

Visit Homewood Farm. Mrs. Bryan accompanied her husband. They both visited Homewood farm yesterday afternoon and were greatly interested in the fancy cattle there.

Dr. James J. Walsh, famous eastern medical authority, who addressed the club in November, was a guest at dinner last evening, but could not remain to hear the address, as he was engaged to speak at St. Ambrose college, Davenport.

army on which we are building our hope can be educated for the \$800,000,000 which the alarmists are advocating for war.

President Needs Encouragement.

"Some have criticized me for leaving the president's cabinet, but I believe I can render greater service to him, the party and my country by doing so. The president is not fully in accord with this preparedness campaign and he should have your moral support and encouragement in the difficult position in which he is placed."

Mr. Bryan then gave his reasons for keeping out of the war, which he said would be liable to come if this huge expenditure for preparedness is made. First was the financial question, which he said was the least important. He showed that the war debts of the countries at war had reached more than \$200,000,000,000 in two years and that the children to be born 500 years from now will be bearing the yoke which posterity had bequeathed.

Would Take Million Men.

He pointed out that already 3,000,000 men had been killed but argued that if it was mainly to go to war, America must play the man's part and send her full share into the conflict. He figured it would take from half a million to a million men and declared that in his opinion the loss of a little more than 100 lives of those who took a ship they never should have taken into the war zone, was not sufficient provocation for this great sacrifice.

He showed that America would lose its standing as the great peace country, the leading neutral, if we joined in the war. In closing he said: "The spirit of America is not the spirit of Europe. The spirit of America must be the spirit that we find among our individuals in our neighborhood, that of helping others. If this is good policy for a neighborhood, I believe it is for a nation, and I believe that in the providence of God, the task has been laid upon this nation to lead the world out into a larger and brighter day, to lift the world out of the black night of war into the light of that day when peace can be made enduring by being built on love and brotherhood. When people tell me that our honor may require us to get down and wallow in the mire with the nations of Europe, I tell them that there is a higher honor than that if we can lift the world, if we can set the world an example, if we can claim the promise made to the peacemaker, it will be an honor greater than can be gained by sinking to their level, and extending and prolonging this cruel and inhuman war."

VICTIM OF CROSSING ACCIDENT IS BETTER

Miss Olivia DuPease, who figured in the train and street car collision at Warner's crossing, East Moline, last Friday evening, is reported as recovering from injuries which she sustained. Miss DuPease was the only one of the 27 accident victims to be removed to a hospital. L. L. Austin of Watertown and Frank Truett, whose injuries were also of a more serious nature, are nearly recovered. No blame for the accident has yet been placed officially. Probabilities are that no such action will be taken.

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Pointed Bryanisms

The people who get up war are not the people who do the fighting. They are too busy getting ammunition contracts.

The real issue confronting this country is whether or not America's high ideals are to be preserved.

The pistol-toting man is a menace, so the pistol-toting nation is a menace.

I am not willing that any American boy should ever march under the banner of a king or should give his life's blood to help any monarch out of his difficulties.

God forbid that any American army should ever be sent to foreign soil, or that American soldiers should die in the battlefields of Europe under the legions of a king.

Nothing is final among friends. Instead of the ultimatum, with its veiled threat of force, the United States should try in a spirit of co-operation to settle its differences.

If history ever writes my name, I believe it will say that I have done my country a greater service in the last 10 months than in all my previous life. Some have criticized me for leaving the president's cabinet, but I believe I have been a stronger aid to my country, by so doing and thus speaking out against the conspiracy which a subsidized press carries on.

An effort is being made to transform our national policies, to change this country from the foremost advocate of peace to the ideals of the old world, to install the false philosophy of terrorism, which advocates preventing wars by getting ready for wars.

The spirit of America must be the spirit that we find among individuals in our neighborhood, that of helping others. If this is a good policy for a neighborhood, I believe it is for a nation and I believe that in the providence of God, the task has been laid upon this nation to lead the world out into a larger and brighter day, to lift the world out of the black night of war into the light of day.

America's standard of honor must be in harmony with her aspirations and achievements.

Patriotism is unselfish service defined in national terms.

The nation's destiny is a matter of choice, not a matter of chance.

We can better serve humanity by an example which will lift the European nations to the plane of brotherhood than we can by descending into the mire in which they are now fighting.

The picture of Christ before Pilate is reproduced anew in every conflict in which love and force are brought face to face.

You can no more measure the sentiment of the peace-loving masses of America by the froth of the jingo press than you can measure the ocean's silent depths by the foam upon its waves.

QUANTITY OF MAIL HANDLED INCREASES

Figures compiled by Harry Olson, superintendent of carriers, on volume of mail handled in the Moline post-office indicate that business conditions over the whole country, and in Moline in particular, are better than has been the case for three years. Incoming and outgoing parcels and letters at present exceed the number handled at any time in three years, says Mr. Olson.

The increase is especially noticeable on outgoing mail, indicating that local factories are preparing for big business. Amount of incoming matter, which always serves as a barometer for conditions in other parts of the country, is on the increase, although there has been greater gain in outgoing mail.

Statistics compiled in the stamp department show that there has been an increase in sales for the first quarter of this year of \$8,689.52 over the same period in 1916. It is interesting to note that more than \$50,000 worth of stamps were sold during the first three months of this year. Complete statistics:

Receipts for quarter ended March 31 \$32,439.85
Receipts for April 29,197.40
Total receipts to May 1 75,628.25
First quarter increase over last year \$8,689.52
Increase in number of publications in Moline, especially the large circulation of the Modern Ploverman, is attributed as partial cause for the increase by postoffice officials, but indications are that every line of manufacturing business is picking up in about the same proportion.

All the news all the time—The Argus.

Why are so Many People Losing Their Hair?

That is a simple question to answer. How can you expect a hair to grow through a hair cell if the hair cell is completely stopped up?

Would you expect a plant to grow in a flower pot if the top of the pot was sealed up?

Your head, everybody's head, has approximately 175,000 hair cells. If one half or two thirds of these cells are stopped up, how can you expect a luxuriant growth of hair?

EVERY WEEK ANTI-SEPTIC OIL SHAMPOO opens these hair cells. It dissolves the dandruff, (dry or oily) and promotes the growth of the hair.

It lathers freely and thoroughly cleanses the hair and scalp.

To keep the hair in best condition, men and children should have an oil shampoo every week, women, every other week.

Every Week Anti-Septic Oil Shampoo is sold for 50c per bottle by

For sale by Harper House Pharmacy and other good druggists.

DEATH TAKES OLD DRY GOODS MAN

Tonjis Henry Klattenhoff, Resident of City 41 Years, Succumbs to Infirmities of Age.

STORE LOCATED IN WEST END

Passes Away in the Home Where He Settled on Coming to Moline From Zuma Township.

Tonjis Henry Klattenhoff, oldest drygoods merchant in Moline and a resident of the city 41 years, died at 6 last evening. The end came at the home, 611 Fourth avenue, where the deceased had lived for years, and was the result of infirmities of age.

Mr. Klattenhoff was one of the pioneers in mercantile circles in this part of the country. He opened his store in the west end of the city upon coming here from Zuma township, more than 40 years ago, and was known to all the older residents of the city.

Word of his passing, although not unexpected because of his advanced age, brings sorrow to many.

Born in Germany Nov. 23, 1832, Mr. Klattenhoff emigrated to the United States when a young man, making the trip around Cape Horn via sailing vessel and landing in San Francisco. He later joined the gold seekers of 1853.

Later he returned to Germany, where he was married to Margaret Nitzhorn. They came to America soon after, settling in Illinois in Zuma township. One daughter, now Mrs. Emil Heinbeck, of Moline, was born to the union.

Mrs. Klattenhoff died in 1863. Second marriage of Mr. Klattenhoff was to Margaret Mahstedt and was solemnized Nov. 23, 1864. Eight children were born to the union, seven of whom survive with the widow. The living

children are Mrs. Neander Johnson, Mrs. William J. Davis, Mrs. Emil Heinbeck and Henry Klattenhoff of Moline, John of Rock Island, and the Misses Anna, Mary and Carrie at home. Another son, Otto, preceded his father in death 10 years. Two sisters, Mrs. Mata Hoenboken and Mrs. Katherine Schriver and a brother, Gerheart Klattenhoff, all in Germany, and 10 grandchildren also survive.

Since removal to Moline Mr. Klattenhoff had been actively engaged in business and had lived for years at the home where he died. Funeral services will be conducted there at 2:30 Thursday afternoon by Rev. Ira Notstain. Burial will be in Riverside cemetery.

Eileen Edith Anderson, former resident of Moline, died in Lincoln, Ill., Sunday evening. She was born in Moline May 14, 1892. Her mother, father, two brothers, Irving of Moline and Willard of Matherville, and a step-sister in Matherville, survive her.

Remains will be brought to Moline and funeral services will be held from the Peter Christopher residence, 1917 Twenty-third avenue, tomorrow afternoon. Burial will be in Riverside cemetery.

Andrew Forsis. An illness of four weeks ended when Andrew Forsis, 1531 Fifteenth street, Moline, died this morning. The end came at 4:50 in the Moline city hospital.

Andrew Forsis was born in Sweden June 29, 1844, came to America with his wife in 1869 and had made this city his home since. He worked for the Moline Plow company 41 years, retiring on a pension in 1911. Fraternally, he was a member of Moline camp No. 38, M. W. A.

Mrs. Forsis died July 13, 1908. Three children, Mrs. Charles Chelestrom of Orion, Ill., and Anna and Laurence at home, survive. Funeral services will be conducted at 2:30 Thursday afternoon in the home and burial will be in Riverside cemetery. Rev. C. J. Nelson will officiate.

Has Rapid Growth. Growth of Zal grotto has been the most rapid of any organization of its kind in Moline. The Zal is less than one year old. The grotto is a comparatively new order and has attained remarkable growth over the whole country in a short time.

FIFTY ADOPTED IN GROTO MEETING

Five Hundred Members of Order Drawn to This City for Second Ceremonial of the Zal.

STREET PARADE IS A FEATURE

Fireworks, Bands and Little Devils Make Procession Riot of Color and Noise—Faultless Work.

The second ceremonial sponsored by Zal grotto of Moline was an event of last evening. Five hundred prophets, drawn to this city from within a radius of many miles, made the evening a gala occasion. Fifty candidates were taken into the local Masonic auxiliary during the celebration.

The torchlight procession through the downtown streets was the feature of the evening. Two bands announced the approach of the grotto members, who marched through the downtown streets in full regalia. A number of youngsters, dressed as devils, formed part of the procession. After the parade visitors and local members were guests at the Lyric motion picture house.

The street parade was preceded by a banquet served in Turner hall, and was followed by the ceremonial. Officers of the order put on the work, which went off without a hitch. The festivities were continued after the ceremonial.

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And we've never seen such quantities of elegant WANTED SUITS at such savings as right now in

The Sale of \$22.50 to \$29.75 Women's and Misses' Cloth Suits

—at—

\$15.00

We've seen some great selling of goods in this busy store—some great demands for desirable merchandise that was not likely to be replaced at such low prices—but the SUIT selling of the past week has been a revelation to us.

From every part of Moline and near it—women are coming—and buying at this—

Sale of Genuine \$22.50 to \$29.75 Suits at \$15.00

Strikingly unusual in style, quality and value are the suits in this sale. Included are Checks, Gaberdines, Serges, Poptins, Mixtures and Plaids, in all the popular styles and all the wanted colors. All sizes for women and misses.

Announcement

In order to keep up with our increasing business in the Rug and Drapery Departments, we have secured the services of Mr. E. T. Mangels, a recognized authority on Rugs and Draperies, who will be pleased to have you come in or call him up for anything you may need. Correct estimates quickly furnished.

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